



# **Sustainable Development Goal 1 Round Table at the 11<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD)**

**[Meeting Room MR-A] United Nations Conference Center, Bangkok**

*Wednesday 21 February 2024, 13:30-16:00 ICT*

*Reporting back to APFSD Plenary: Thursday 22 February, 13:30-16:30*

## **Background**

The Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 1 Round Table Session is an integral part of the 11<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD). The Round Table Insert brings together United Nations Organisations, representative from the UN member states, civil society, private sector organisations, and others to discuss progress, challenges, next steps, and overall objectives related to SDG1 in the Asia-Pacific Region.

The Round Table will make a critical assessment and suggest practical solutions around priority actions that include: adopting integrated policy planning for inclusive and adaptive Social protection to leave no one behind; strengthening implementation of disaster risk reduction strategies at national and local levels ; upgrading skills to support access to decent jobs during A just transition, especially for young people; harnessing digitalization to build resilience and reducing poverty; investing in data-collection and building capacity for data analysis; and improving domestic resource mobilization and leverage emerging sources of external financing. The overall goal of the SDG 1 Round Table is to foster collaboration to establish next steps which will define concrete actions for poverty reduction.

## **Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development and SDG 1 Round Table**

The annual Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) is an inclusive intergovernmental forum and regional platform for supporting countries in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The 11<sup>th</sup> APFSD will be organized from 20-23 February 2024 under the theme “*Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: The effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions in Asia and the Pacific*” in Bangkok, Thailand, at the United Nations Conference Center (UNCC).



APFSD will feature multi-stakeholder “Round Tables” dedicated to the goals under review at the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) in July 2024. The Round Table on the review of SDG 1 will be co-organized by the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Federation of Free Workers (FFW) with support from UNOPS, UN Women, UNIDO, IWDA and ESCAP.

The specific objectives of the Round Table on SDG 1 (No Poverty) are to:

- I. Establish a shared understanding of the progress made regarding the Goal 1 (No Poverty)
  
- II. Jointly develop recommendations (*inter alia*) on:
  - a) integrated policy planning for inclusive and adaptive social protection
  - b) strengthening implementation of disaster risk reduction strategies at national and local levels
  - c) upgrading skills to support access to decent jobs during a just transition, especially for young people; and
  - d) harnessing digitalization to build resilience and reducing poverty; investing in data-collection and building capacity for data analysis; and improving domestic resource mobilization and leverage emerging sources of external financing.

The Round Table will provide an opportunity for representatives from governments and local authorities, civil society, academia, youth and the private sector to review the progress on SDG 1 in the Asia-Pacific region and associated challenges, and to discuss priorities for action. The Round Table discussions will be based on the SDG 1 Goal Profile which was drafted in preparation to the Forum and will be available on the APFSD website for reference. Data gaps and how these can be addressed may also be discussed.

The Round Table format includes a presentation on the SDG 1 profile, a panel discussion, breakout discussions, and a plenary session. The agenda is presented below. The report of the Round Table will be presented to the broader APFSD plenary during agenda item 4 (a) scheduled for 22 February 2024 between 13:30-16:30 hours.

Theme of SDG 1 Round Table	Areas for Discussion
Access to Social Protection	The relationship between social protection, poverty and human dignity
Exposure to and impact of disasters	Contribution of disasters to poverty (multi-dimensional poverty)
More decent jobs	Relationship between decent jobs and poverty reduction

## Discussion Programme

Date Time	
Time	Agenda



<p><b>13:30</b> <b>(5 mins)</b></p>	<p><b>Welcoming Remarks</b></p> <p>Panudda Boonpala, <b>Deputy Regional Director, ILO Regional Office for Asia, and the Pacific (ROAP)</b></p>
<p><b>13:35</b> <b>(10 mins)</b></p>	<p><b>Presentation of the Goal 1 Profile</b></p> <p>Ken Shawa, Head, Regional Economic and Social Analysis Unit, ILO Regional Office for Asia, and the Pacific</p>
<p><b>13:45</b> <b>(25 mins)</b></p>	<p><b>Panel discussion</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Sooksiri Chamsuk<sup>1</sup>, Regional Programme Officer, UNIDO Regional Office in Thailand</p> <p><b>Panelists/Discussants</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Dr. Ram Kumar Phuyol, <b>National Planning Commission, Nepal</b></li> <li>b) Yogesh Suri, <b>Senior Advisor in NITI-Aayog, India</b></li> <li>c) Julius Cainglet, <b>FFW, Trade Unions and Workers, Philippines</b></li> <li>d) Thanyaporn Krichtitayawuth, <b>Executive Director, Global Compact Network Thailand</b></li> <li>e) Telesia Kobiti, <b>Pacific Disability Forum, Fiji</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>14:10</b> <b>(20 mins)</b></p>	<p><b>Questions / comments from the floor</b></p>
<p><b>14:30</b> <b>(45 mins)</b></p>	<p><b>Breakout discussions</b></p> <p>Group 1 <b>Access to Social Protection</b></p> <p>Co-moderators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Sayuri Cocco Okada, Social Affairs Officer, Social Development Division, ESCAP</li> <li>• Mr. Stefan Urban, Social Affairs Officer, Social Development Division, ESCAP</li> </ul> <p>Note Takers: <b>Ziyuan Zheng, Shalina Nandwani (ESCAP)</b>, Recommendations from SDG 1 profile for discussion</p>

<sup>1</sup> Also moderates the part of remarks and SDG1 profile presentation



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Adapt integrated policy planning for inclusive and adaptive social protection to leave no one behind,</i></li> <li>• <i>Improve domestic resource mobilization and leverage emerging sources of external financing.</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Group 2 Exposure to and impact of disasters</b></p> <p>Moderator: Eric Roeder, Technical Specialist, Green Jobs, Climate Action and Resilience, ILO (DWT)-Bangkok</p> <p>Note Takers: <b>Siqi Liu (ESCAP), Melissa Meinhart (IWDA)</b></p> <p><b>Recommendations from SDG1 profile</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Strengthen implementation of disaster risk reduction strategies at national and local levels</i></li> <li>• <i>Harness digitalization to build resilience and reducing poverty</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Group 3: More decent jobs</b></p> <p>Co-moderators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feroza Sanjana, UN Women</li> <li>• Katija Freiwald, UN Women</li> </ul> <p>Recommendations from SDG 1 profile</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Upgrade skills to support access to decent jobs during a just transition, especially for young people.</i></li> <li>• <i>Invest in data-collection and building capacity for data analysis.</i></li> </ul> <p>Note Takers: <b>Surya Vadakkethara, Felix Weidenkaff (ILO)</b></p>
<p><b>15:15 (40 mins)</b></p>	<p><b>Plenary session</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Sooksiri Chamsuk</b></p> <p><b>Note takers: Tarinee Youkhaw (ILO), Diane Respall (ILO)</b></p>
<p><b>15:55 (5 mins)</b></p>	<p><b>Closing remarks</b></p> <p>Mr. Huseyn Huseynov, Head of the Sustainable</p>



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